With all the talk of "centralization" and "wiping out State laws," it is interesting look for a moment at the differences in ur State laws, important ones and pecu-

ones as well. A Missouri legislator, Riley Self of the rk region, once walked down a street Jefferson City into a rear end collision a honey bee. Riley was so exasperated the audacity of the little bee in attacking person without reason or provocation he rushed to the legislative hall and dded a special chapter to the State law bees within 200 yards of a public Mghway. This statute is still in effect.

In most of the States a sum of money ks the line between petit larceny and grand larceny, usually about \$50: but in entucky if one steals even an old, debiliated rooster, long since past his day o mefulness and not worth 15 cents, it a penitentiary offence. While Kenkians are not especially strong for the ariff, they insist upon protection for their

The diversity of the quarantine laws in he States which fear the yellow fever lague was so great that for a few days cently actual war existed between Louisina and Mississippi. The result was a ference of Governors of the Southern ates at Chattanooga, where it was reolved to turn over the quarantine work the Federal Government, Congress has since passed a law to make the agree-

ment effective. Once in awhile, on a dull day, some enterprising justice of the peace digs into forlaws and makes things happen. ently when the Governor of Kentucky apted to "put the lid on" in Louis a Magistrate found an old law that ade working for profit on Sunday a miseanor, and which incidentally prorided for a good fee for the Magistrate who prought the offender to justice. vigilant upholder of the majesty of the law swore in some extra constables and arrested oks, choir singers, hack drivers, street ar motormen-in fact everybody he found working on the Sabbath-and haled them to court. Before public opinion forced him to shut down a few weeks later he had plletted enough fees to pay his house rent for a year.

California makes the "Heathen Chinee ay such a high license for the privilege pay such a high license for the privilege of working in gold mines that the Celestial cannot compete at all with white labor in this kind of work. There are many patient husbands in New York city who would be glad to see the Empire State follow the example of Tennessee and put such a heavy tax on trading stamps as to drive them out of business. Tennessee prohibits firting with girls attending boarding schools by a statute called the "Johnny law," but the enactment is silent about all other the enactment is silent about all other types and forms of flirtation. In Indiana one may be arrested and fined for the orime "makin's thereof."

These diversities have long been the use of much worry and dispute. The reasonably successful effort to secure reasonably successful effort to secure iform legislation by the State was the reasonably successful effort to secure iform legislation by the State was the reasonable of the American Bar Association, it is not reasonable truments by the Legislatures of all the ates but four. The divorce law questa has been most agitated. The State was on divorce vary all the way from let South Caroina, which makes no division at all for dissolving the marge tie, to lax South Dakota, where to ture a divorce means only a matter of ring board in the State.

Longresses and conventions have imported the States to take uniform action correct the evils of the divorce laws, defeated Government take a hand, an if an amendment to the Constitution necessary. The laws governing the

necessary. The laws governing the anization of corporations are also of a toncern to the public welfare, and to do about it is the principal question of the hour with statesmen.

The State Constitutions are as different are the statutes enacted under them, copt that they all agree in setting up a particular form of government are a publican form of government, each tha Governor and a Legislature of two anches modelled after the Federal Govment. In some States, as in New York, question of calling a convention to m a new Constitution must be submitted a vote of the people at regular stated tervals. The people of the Empire State at on the question every twenty years, other States, as in Tennessee, it is al-lest impossible to change the Constitution.

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In proposed amendment must not only be passed by one Legislature, but by the passed by one Legislature, but by the passed by one Legislature, but by the propose of the State at an election called for the purpose.

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The Governors of the States hold office from one to four years and are paid all the passed of the States of the If ciergymen are ineligible to serve in the Egislature. Another unique provision in Tennessee is that before a man can hold the he must first make oath that he has never fought in a duel and, furthermore, hat he never will engage in one.

The relations of the States to the Federal dovernment are all the same, whether of the original thirteen States which formed the Union or whether admitted since 1797.

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The arms holds a peculiar place, as she was a stion of independent rights when taken to the Union. The act of admitting Texas ovides that this great Commonwealth divide itself into five States at will. the courts may never be known, as the exans seem not to have the slightest dis-

on to split up. led to by the complicated relations of ion to State, of State to county of county a government is almost impossible to apprehend. In Missouri one must pass apprehend ayamination imposed by the

a expert examination imposed by the tate before he may become a barber, the in Florida a man may get a charter ad constitute himself and two of his friends ato a university without a king leave of

Miss Moore Not Engaged to Marry.

The announcement published in the yesterday of the engagement of s Elsie Moore to John L. de Saulles, both this city, was denied yesterday by Mr. d Mrs. Charles A. Moore, parents of the ride, as well as by both of the principals.

Ir. Moore, who arrived from Nashville saterday, said that the report of the engement of his daughter was absolutely



LITTLE TIM SEES

THROWS SOME LIGHT ON THE M. O. L. ALDERMEN DEAL.

From Him and From Davies It is Learned That Cowing Hadn't Been Suggested as a Candidate Before the \$6,000 Payment-A Much Subdued Peters

Alderman Henry Clay Peters, the recognized leader of the Municipal Ownership League Aldermen, had another session yesterday with the Grand Jury, which is investigating the charge that \$6,000 was paid to Alderman William S. Clifford of Long Island City for eleven M. O. L. votes for ex-Judge Cowing for Recorder. Peters wore a top hat and a frock coat, but he was more subdued than on Thursday, when

he made speeches without an effort.

Little Tim Sullivan, who represents the Tammany contingent in the Board of Aldermen, and Alderman Davies, who had charge of Alderman William C. Meyers's campaign for Recorder on the Republican side, both had talks with the District Attorney yesterday. Little Tim talked with Mr. Jerome for some time, and Alderman Davies, who came under a subpœna, talked with Assistant District Attorney Smyth.

One thing that developed out of these two conversations was that at no time in the negotiations by either the Republicans or Tammany men for the M. O. L. votes was a suggestion made that Judge Cowing was a candidate. This interested Mr. Jerome, as Alderman Peters said that the M. O. L. men agreed on Judge Cowing some time before Clifford's arrest and that the M. O. L. men voted for Cowing simply to test the sincerity of the Republicans in advocating Judge Cowing as a

candidate.

In these negotiations Clifford took a large part. Alderman Peters was also concerned. It is said that in return for the M. O. L. votes Peters wanted to be the chairman of a committee to investigate the Metropolitan Street Railway Company and that the M. O. L. men were to have a couple of unimportant jobs and a lawyer friend made counsel for one of the committees.

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The records of the Board of Aldermen were produced before the Grand Jury yesterday. They were brought to the District Attorney's office by City Clerk Joe Scully and Michael F. Blake, clerk of the Board of Aldermen. The Grand Jury wanted to find out about certain statements made by some of the Aldermen, and it is said that an inspection of the books showed that some of the statements made were very inaccurate.

In connection with these rumors it was learned that subpona servers from the District Attorney's office have been hunting for Alderman Bowcroft, who lives in Brooklyn. The process servers started out on Thursday night, but up to the time Mr. Jerome left his office last night they hadn't reported that he had been found. Alderman Bowcroft is wanted to explain discrepancies in his testimony.

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Outside of producing some formal testimony it is understood that not much more will be done in the case until after the examination of Alderman Clifford on the bribery charge before Magistrate Whitman on Wednesday.

HOTEL DETECTIVES WISE.

Jerome Looks to Them for News of Gambling Houses.

The District Attorney is going after the gambling houses on next Monday. The police report that all the poolrooms in Manhattan and The Bronx are closed and now Mr. Jerome thinks that the gamblers will have to have their inning. He says that there are a few gambling houses running, but he doesn't think he will have a hard job in convincing the gamblers that it will be for their best interest to close. It is said that Mr. Jerome has had de-tectives keeping a close watch on the gamb-lers while he was making his poolroom

crusade.

"We will first get after the Tenderloin gamblers," Mr. Jerome said, "and I have collected a little evidence which may be of value. We know that a very good way to get information about the poolrooms is from the district leaders, but I am informed that when it comes to gambling houses, hotel detertives have accellent in hotel detectives have excellent in

formation.
"Take, for instance, several hotels which "Take, for instance, several hotels which have a large number of guests. Not infrequently these guests are foreigners or from another State, and they are anxious to have a joyous evening. Who is so handy as the hotel detective who seems to have a pretty wide knowledge of gambling houses? I have no desire to take an honest dollar from the detectives, but friendship must be laid aside when duty calls. I don't want to interfere, but I don't think that these men would like to have a chat with the Grand Jury and be asked to tell, maybe, who went to certain places with them or under their direction."

CELL FOR RAD COPS.

nissioner Bingham Says They Must Be

Treated Like Any Other Offenders. Police Commissioner, Bingham was wrought up yesterday over the report that Policeman Thomas O'Neil of the West Thirty-seventh street station had gone on a rampage on Thursday night and assaulte !

a rampage on Thursday night and assaulte is several citizens in Seventh avenue, where he was on post. The Commissioner will displeased because O'Neil was sent back on post after a complaint had been lodged with the sergeant at the desk.

"Hereafter a policeman who violates the law must be locked up and treated the same as any offending citizen," he said. "I intend to ask Inspector Hussey why this policeman was not charged with assault and put in a cell, Because he wears a policeman's uniform is no reason why he should have any more privileges under the law than any citizen."

NEW BOOKS.

Continued from Seventh Page.

Zartman's book, written as a purely abstract study, should give valuable aid in understanding the insurance complications that will be before us for a long time.

Another contribution to popular Franciscan literature is made by Father Paschal Robinson's translation of "The Golden Sayings of the Blessed Brother Giles of Assisi" (The Dolphin Press, Philadelphia). In a scholarly and interesting introduction Father Robinson tells what is known about Aegidius, who is rather concealed under the English form of the name, and about writings attributed to him. Then follow the "Sayings" in admirable English translation; at the end is an adequate bibliography. The typography of the little volume is charming. There are many outside the Catholic Church now interested in St. Francis who will find the book very attractive.

Fables from the Dark Continent," edited by L. O. Stafford (American Book Campany.) These are the African folk lore tales on which "Uncle Remus" was built. They have proved attractive to little ones and are equally interesting to them in their plainer original form. It was a bright idea to make use of them in the school room. In a land where every man is born an orator it must be an embarassing task

A novelty in school readers is "Animal

to make a selection like "Kentucky Eloquence, " edited by Col. Bennett H. Young eleven others (Ben La Bree, Louisville). The inclusion of eighty-two names is only made possible by a limitation of one oration to each, a natural and fitting exception being made for Col. Henry Watterson, who is one of the editors. Room is also found for nineteen Kentucky poets and poetesses, likewise restricted to a single specimen. It is encouraging to notice that in this phalanx of eloquent speakers of the past and present a large proportion is still alive, so that the art is in no danger

of dying out in Kentucky. To the class of books that give an inkling as to how to do a thing may be added "The Building of a Book," edited by Frederick H Hitchcock (The Grafton Press, New York). It consists of many very short articles by persons who are well versed in the pardoular branches they describe. These range from Mr. De Vinne, who writes of book making, and Mr. Cable, who tells of authorship, to the gentlemen who describe authorship, to the gentlemen who describe the functions of the literary agent, the travelling salesman and the retail book seller. They are all "non-technical" and will give the reader a general idea of the subject, besides bringing to his attention many things that will be new to him. We can hardly see the "practical" side of it, however; to be practical would require the expansion of each article into a technical volume, like the excellent books Mr. De Vinne has written on "The Practice of Typography."

Books Received.

"A Literary History of the English Reople." Vol. II. Part 1. J. J. Jusserand. (G. P. Putnam's Sons.)
"Cavalry in Future Wars." Lieut.-Gen. Frederick
von Bernharde, translated by Charles Sydney Gold-"The International Law and Diplomacy of the Russo-Japanese War." Amos S. Hershey, Ph. D.

"Plain, Practical Sermons." Right Rev. Mgr. John A. Sheppard. (Fr. Pustet and Company.

"The Heart of a Woman." Almon Henleys. (G. P. Putnam's Sons.)
"This Was a Man." Hattle Horner Louthan

(The C. M. Clark Publishing Company, Boston.)
"How to Build a Direct Current One Kitowatt
Dynamo or a One Horse-Power Motor." A. E. Wation, Ph. D. (Bubler Publishing Company, Lyn "Practical Lessons in Botany." Clarabel Milliman;

and "Practical Lessons in Zoology," John Warren Ball. (Ball Publishing Company, Rochester, N. Y.) "Bettina." Eleanor Hoyt Brainerd. (Doubleday, Page and Company.)
"The Sovereign Remedy." Flora Annie Steel.

(Doubleday, Page and Company.)
"The Second Generation." David Graham Phillips. (Appletons.) lish Colonies in America," Vols. IV. and V

A. Doyle. (Henry Holt and Company.)
"Morals in Evolution." Two vols. L. T. Hobhouse (Henry Holt and Company.)
"The Working of the Rallroads." Logan G. McPherson. (Henry Holt and Company.)
"The Aftermath of War." G. B. Beak. (Edward Arnold: Longmans, Green and Company.)

"Personal Adventures and Anecdotes of an Old Officer." Col. James P. Robertson. "A Narrative of Exploration in New Mexico Arizona, Indiana, Etc. Warren K. Moorehead. (The Andover Press. Andover, Mass.) "The American Nation. Vol. 20. The Appeal to Arms," James Kendall Hosmer, LL. D. (Har-

"By the Light of the Soul." Mary E. Wilkins Freeman. (Harpers.)

Negro and Indian Songfest.

The Armstrong Association offers an interesting entertainment for January 29 in Carnegie Hall. Students of Hampton Institute will give some old time plantation songs, and Indian students will be heard in Pueblo, Sioux and Omaha songs. There will be addresses on phases of the race question by these Hampton alumni: Dr. Booker F. Washington, '75; Major Robert R. Moton, '90, commandant of cadets at Hampton; Tromas C. Walker, '83, of Gloucester county, Virginia, and Charles Doxson, '89, an Onondaga Indian, who has become a highly paid machinist. Tickets for the meeting will be distributed at the Armstrong Association's office, 30 East Forty-second street.

Ironworker Pleads Gullty.

Frederick W. Martin, the ironworker who was arrested for assaulting a special policeman on the Plaza Hotel when another special policeman was killed, pleaded guilty yesterday to assault in the second degree. He will be sentenced on January 28 by Justice Fitzgerald in the Supreme Court, Criminal Branch. WINTER RESORTS.

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W. W. ASTOR WILL PAY A TAX.

tax in this city this year. He has been gathered in by the Tax Department under the provisions of the Saxe law. In the tentative personal tax books Mr. Astor was assessed on \$750,000. His representative in this city went to the office of

It was admitted at the Tax Department that when the tentative assessment of \$750,000 was made it was known that Mr. Astor had not that amount of personal property in this city. The haphazard

assessment seems to have been made on the usual system prevailing in the department—that the higher the tentative assessment the more probability there is of getting something out of the person so assessed.

President Purdy of the Tax Board said yesterday that so far the Saxe law had worked well, and had led, even at this early stage, to the holding of many persons who had hitherto escaped paying personal taxes on the plea of non-residence. Mr. Purdy instanced the case of a wealthy New Yorker who called at his office yesterday and agreed to pay on an assessment of \$20,000. This man, Mr. Purdy said, had before always sworn off by giving his summer place as his legal residence, although he lived the greater part of the year in this city.

Stole Three Cakes of Soap for Use in Bath and Got Locked Up.

Lithuanian, explained in the Jefferson Market court yesterday morning through a sliding scale of interpreters that he took three bars of soap from the pier of the

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Assessed on \$750,000 Personalty, but Let Down to \$5,000-Saxe Law Working Well. William Waldorf Astor will pay a personal

the Tax Commissioners yesterday and made affidavit that Mr. Astor owned no personal property in New York outside of the furnishings of the office of his estate at 21 West Twenty-sixth street. Mr. Astor's agent offered to pay on a basis of \$6,000 valuation, and this was agreed to by the Commissioners.

BADLY SOILED LITHUANIAN.

Stephen Straslos, an eighteen-year-old

three bars of soap from the pier of the Clyde Steamship Company to use solely in taking a bath. The order of interpretation was as follows: First the prisoner; second, his friend, who explained to the man next to him what the prisoner had said; third, the next friend, who explained to the Magistrate what the last friend had said, and finally the Magistrate, who explained to the lawyer for the defence the news that the man highest up had delivered to him.

The linguistic hierarchy was adopted as a last resort after the prisoner had reluctantly admitted to the complainant's lawyer that he walked over to this country from Lithuania six months ago An inspector for the steamship company testified that the soap was valued at 12 cents. The prisoner told the Court that he hadn't had a bath for a long time, and he just couldn't resist the soap.

soap.
"This is the cleanest case I've had for a long time," said Magistrate Cornell, "but I guess I'll have to hold you in \$100 bonds for trial, Stephen."

HE SPAT OVER ALL EUROPE. But Signor Mazzella, Roman Citizen, Finds

Publio Mazzella, a Roman citizen and a student of American institutions, spat reflectively on the tracks of the Sixth avenue elevated structure at the Eighth street station at exactly 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning. America was a free country and he was glad of it. He wasn't so glad a moment later when Officer Kirk of the a moment later when Officer Kirk of the Health Department tapped him on the shoulder and placed him under arrest. Publio, Inverness coat, pince-nez, beoks and all, were up before Magistrate Cornell in the Jefferson Market court a few minutes later. He explained through an interpreter that he was an Italian gentleman and had spat freely all over Europe without let or hindrance.

"It's an expensive habit in America," said the Magistrate; "31 fine, Signor."

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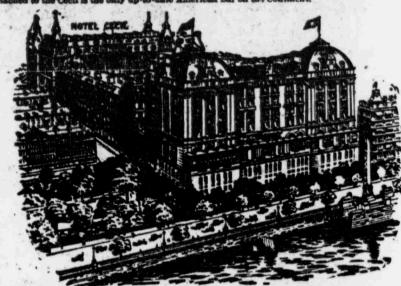
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